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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Marc ALIZON et al.)
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Serial No.: 08/466,921) Group Art Unit: 1813
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Filed: June 6, 1995) Examiner: Jeffrey S. PARKIN

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING ANTIBODIES TO ANTIGENS OF HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 15

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of June 27, 1997 (Paper No. 15).

While a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire three months from the mailing date, filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 39-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to provide an enabling disclosure, since Applicants have failed to meet the biological deposit requirements. The Examiner contends that since the λ -J19 LAV clone is required to practice the invention, it must be known and readily available to the public or obtainable by a repeatable method set forth in the specification. He further alleges that the specification does not provide for the aforementioned, and thus, the claims are not enabled. To overcome this rejection,

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